Harvard Dean's Fund Aided

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WASINGTON, Feb. 19—An organization headed by Richard M. Hunt, an assistant dean of the Harvard University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, has received money from a foundation identified as a channel for Central Intelligence Agency funds.

In 1965, according to records on file at the Massachusetts Attorney General's office, Mr. Hunt's group, the Fund for International Social and Economic Education of Philadelphia, received $25,000 from the J. Frederick Brown Foundation of Boston.

The fund, according to its brochure, finances workers' education projects, scholarships and research work for trade unionists, and social study scholars from Africa, Asia and Latin America. The money received from the Brown foundation was used for undisclosed work in Latin America.

The disclosure that a Harvard dean heads an organization that has received money from an intelligence agency conduit foundation was the latest development in a series of revelations about the channeling of Central Intelligence Agency funds to private organizations.

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man for Harvard, said the University did not accept contracts for "research projects that cannot be published."

"But an individual member of the faculty," he said, "can take his own decision about the use of his own time." He said the university itself might have accepted money from the intelligence agency in the past for publishable research projects, but he did not know of any.

The Brown foundation has been named by officers of the National Student Association as one of their sources of agency funds and its trustee, Paul Hellmuth, as one of their contacts with the C.I.A.

Mr. Hunt's organization lists among its board of directors George C. Lodge, associate director of the division of international affairs of the Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He is the son of Henry Cabot Lodge, the Ambassador to South Vietnam.

Besides the money obtained from the Brown foundation, Mr. Hunt's group has received large sums from another foundation, the Pappas Charitable Trust of Boston. The Pappas Trust has given money to other groups that have been regularly obtaining money from agency conduit foundations.

These organizations are the Pan-American Foundation, connected with the University of Miami, the International Development Foundation of New York and the American Society of African Culture.

In 1963, according to tax records, the Pappas Trust gave $50,000 to Mr. Hunt's group and the following year granted another $50,000.

Mr. Hunt acknowledged in a telephone interview the receipt of the funds from the Brown and Pappas foundations, but said he had no knowledge that the money was from the intelligence agency.

He said that as far as he knew the money was from "private sources."

According to records at the State Attorney General's office, the Brown foundation derives the bulk of its income from what are believed to be agency-front foundations. These include the Appalachian Fund, the Tower Fund and the Victoria Strauss Fund.

Mr. Hunt would not disclose the nature of the work carried out with funds received from the Brown and Pappas foundations. He said the money from the Brown organization was used to support work by his group in Latin America, but "I'm not at liberty to disclose the nature of that specific project." He said, however, that the project was "parellel" to work that his group has been doing in Latin America for some time.

"I feel that I'm in control of the projects and the other trustees feel the same way," he said. "We are responsible to no one but ourselves."

Mr. Hunt, the son of the late Roy A. Hunt, president of the Aluminum Company of America for many years, said that his organization received about three-quarters of its support from his own funds.

Mr. Hunt's organization received $75,000 from himself and $12,000 from four others sources —the Pappas trust, the Hobby Foundation of Houston, the Franz Lieber Foundation of St. Paul Park, Minn., and George H. Capps of St. Louis. Tax returns for 1965 and 1966 were not available.

Mr. Hunt also refused to identify the officers of the Brown foundation with whom he and the other directors of his organization had discussed the undisclosed project before receiving the funds. He denied knowing Mr. Hellmuth, who has been named by student association officers as a C.I.A. contact.

The other members of the organization's board of trustees are: Arlon E. Lyon, a labor leader and member of the Railroad Retirement Board in Chicago, and David L. Cole, a member of the law firm of Cole, Morrill and Berman of Paterson, N. J.

The executive director is Howard C. Thomas Jr., formerly the representative in Saigon, South Vietnam, of the Asia Foundation of San Francisco, which is widely involved in educational work in the Far East.

Tax records show that the Fund for International Social and Economic Education made grants of $17,000 in 1963 and $5,000 in 1964 to the University of Southern California for the publication of its Middle Eastern and North African review, the Maghreb Digest.

The records also show a grant of $10,000 in 1964 to the Kenya Federation of Labor for support of an educational center, and a number of scholarships and research grants for study in the United States and abroad to Korean, Japanese, Turkish, Kenyan, Colombian and Tanganyikan trade unionists, cooperative specialists, students and scholars.

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